

A PSALM of Thanksgiving, to be Sung by the Children of Christ's-Hospital, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, in Easter-week, (according to ancient Custom) for their Founders and Benefactors. 1689.

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Monday.

VERSE I.

HE At-tributes of God above all hu-man Thoughts and yet a-mong them en-dear-ing Love who doth not most commend?

Wisdom is good; and Justice great; we both do much admire: but Sinners, that for Mer-cy wait, do Mer-cy most de-fire,

And Heav'n's high King him-self doth seem Love's soft-est Charms to own; who wears it as the choic-est Gem of his Im-pe-rial Crown.

CHORUS.

Then let's proclaim the Glorious Name of our great Lord a-bove: and fill a-ny the gen-tle Sway of his al-lu-ring Love.

This Chorus is to be Sung by all the Children, and repeated after every Verse.

Set to Music by Mr. Ric. Brown, Master of the Musick Boys.

VERSE II.

The fruitful Earth and fat'ning Streams, bright Fire & spacious Air, Appear as grand perpetual Theams of God's Paternal Care: The spangled, Globous, Firmament and Circled Orbs do show

The gracious Maker's good intent to Beings here below. Each Man, that lives, may bow his Head, and Prayers and Praises bring (For Soul redeem'd and Body fed) to Heav'n's Almighty King. Chor. Then let's proclaim, &c.

Tuesday.

VERSE III.

The Beams of Heav'nly Goodness thus on ev'ry thing do shine; But God hath most engaged us: Adore his Love Divine. Low on the Dunghill and the Dust Naked and Poor we lay; Our Clothing Rags, our Food a Crust, our Beauty Filth and Clay: Till God-like Charity came by, resolv'd to do us good; And cast on us a pitying Eye, and gave us Clothes and Food. Chor. Then let's proclaim, &c.

VERSE IV. Orphans have surely greatest cause God's Bounty to commend; Who then from Need's devouring Jaws doth mightily defend: Nor merely their necessities doth graciously supply; But makes them great and learn'd and wise, and raises them on high. The Reverend Pulpit and the Bar have not disdain'd our Race: And some times for Peace & War have been the Kingdoms Grace. Chor. Then let's proclaim, &c.

Wednesday.

VERSE V.

Ail, London! Heav'n encrease thy Store, thy Wealth, and Fame; For thou art a Patron to the Poor; by thee our Wants do cease: And when thy Sins shall loudly cry, that Plagues thy Sons may feel; Let these thine Acts of Charity the Sentence sad repeal! And you, Grave Senators, our Friends, for all the love, you've shown, Heav'n make you here a full amends, previous to Glory's Crown! Chor. Then let's proclaim, &c.

VERSE VI. To Royal Alms we'll be Just, and sound Sixth Edward's Praise; And Second Charles (tho now in dust) to Heaven our Songs shall raise. The One our Bliss did first begin and led the Noble Race: The Other Gloriously fell in and did his Foot-steps trace. May Length of Days, & Wealth, & Peace, & Virtue's brighter Crown King William and Queen Mary Grace, as they Grace England's Throne. Chor. Then let's proclaim, &c.

A true REPORT of the great number of Poor Children, and other Poor People, Maintained in the several HOSPITALS, under the Pious Care of the LORD MAYOR, Commonalty, and Citizens, of the City of LONDON, the Year last past.

Christ's-Hospital.

Children put forth Apprentices, and discharged out of Christ's Hospital, the Year last past 104; Ten whereof, being instructed in the MATHEMATICKS and NAVIGATION, were placed forth Apprentices to Commanders of Ships out of the Mathematical School, Founded by His late Majesty King Charles the Second, of Blessed Memory. Children buried the Year last past 13. Children now remaining under the Care and Charge of the said Hospital, which are kept in the House, and at Nurse elsewhere, 730, and 124 newly admitted, amounting in all to 854. The Names of all which, are Registered in the Books kept in the said Hospital, and are to be seen, as also when and whence they were admitted. Which being so many in Number, and the Charge of keeping them very great, (and being still depressed by the very great Loss, which was sustained by the late dreadful Fire, it is not doubted, but many worthy and good Christians will liberally assist toward so useful and beneficial a Charity: The stated and certain Revenue of the said Hospital amounting to very little more than a Moiety of their necessary and unavoidable Charge.

S. Bartholomew's-Hospital.

There have been cured in the Hospital of St. Bartholomew the Year last past, of Wounded, Sick and Maimed Soldiers and Seamen, and other Distressed Persons, from several parts of the Dominions of the King and Queen's Most Excellent Majesties, and from Foreign Parts; many of which have been relieved with Monies, and other Necessaries, at their departure, tho' (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire. Buried this Year, after much Charge on them 269. Persons remaining under Cure in the said Hospital 286.

S. Thomas Hospital.

There have been Cured in the Hospital of St. Thomas the Year last past, of Wounded, Sick and Maimed Soldiers and Seamen, and other Distressed Persons, from several parts of the Dominions of the King and Queen's Most Excellent Majesties, and from Foreign Parts; many of which have been relieved with Monies, and other Necessaries, at their departure, tho' (as it hath pleased God) the greatest part of the Revenues of the said Hospital was consumed by the late dreadful Fire which happened in September 1666, in May 1676, and in June 1681. Buried this Year, after much Charge in the time of their Sickness 203. Remaining under Cure at the Charge of the said Hospital 242.

Bridewell-Hospital.

Received this last Year into the Hospital of Bridewell, Vagrants, and other indigent and miserable People, many whereof had both Clothing and such other Relief as their Necessities required, being in great distress, and sent by Passes into their Native Countries. Maintained in the said Hospital, and brought up in divers Arts and Trades, at the only Charge of the said Hospital, Apprentices, notwithstanding it pleased God, the Hospital, and all the Houses within the Precinct thereof, (which was the greater part of its Revenue) were wholly consumed by the late dreadful Fire; besides the great loss sustained in the remains of its Revenue by two terrible Fires, the one in June 1673, and the other in November 1682, which happened in Wapping. 129.

Bethlem Hospital.

THE Hospital of Bethlem is of great necessity for the keeping and curing Distracted Persons, whose Misery, of all others, is the more deplorable, because they do not apprehend the same, it disabling the Mind, as well as the Body. Brought into the same Hospital the last Year, distracted Men and Women 53. Cured of their Lunacy, and discharged thence the said Year 36. Distracted Persons buried the last Year 13. Now remaining there under Cure, and provided for, with Physick, Dyet, &c. 128. The Charge whereof is great, and the Revenue of the said Hospital so small, as not to amount to one half part of the Yearly Expenses thereof; and the Building of the Old Hospital of Bethlem being Ruinous, and not Capacious to receive and contain the great Number of Distracted Persons; for the admission of whom daily applications are made to the Governours thereof. Upon a Christian and Charitable Consideration of the Premises, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of London, did lately grant sufficient Ground, to erect a more commodious House for the keeping and Curing the said Lunatics, and Distracted Persons: In the Building and Finishing whereof, the Governours of the said Hospital have laid out, and disbursed, above Seventeen Thousand Pounds, whereby not only the whole Stock of the said Hospital is Expended, but the Governours thereof have been necessitated to take up several great Sums of Money for the finishing the same, for which they pay Interest: And therefore, the said Hospital is a very fit Object of all good Men's Charity, to do as God shall enable them, toward the Relief of the said poor Lunatics, and payment of their Debts; there having been, and daily are, by the Blessing of God, and the Charge of the said Hospital, and the Care of those that are intrusted therewith, divers reduced to their former Senses.

Pray remem-

ber the Poor.